



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 12, 2010

www.house.gov/shuster

Contact: Jeff Urbanchuk, Press Secretary
(202) 225-2431
(202) 593-1040 cell
(202) 225-2486 fax
jg.urbanchuk@mail.house.gov

Patton Fire Company #1 Receives Fire Grant

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that Patton Fire Company #1 has received a grant in the amount of \$80,015 through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the grant for a variety of operational and safety equipment, including 20 new sets of full bunker gear, training materials and the replacement of the fire company's existing hose supply.

"This is great news for the volunteer firefighters of the Patton Fire Company," Shuster said. "I applaud them for what they do for our communities and I congratulate them on a successful grant application. This funding will enable the members of the fire company to improve their service to the people of Cambria County and for that we are all grateful."

"The members of our department have been anxiously awaiting word on this application" said Patrick Wood, Chief of the department. "Most of our supply hose and attack lines are close to 30 years and without the financial assistance received through this grant we would not be able to replace them. Today's announcement will greatly increase our firefighting capabilities and provide a safer environment for our residents. We greatly appreciate Congressman Shuster's efforts in helping us to secure this funding."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation's first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

###